

HISTORIC ST. MARY'S CITY

A MUSEUM OF HISTORY & ARCHAEOLOGY AT
MARYLAND'S FIRST CAPITAL

Historic St. Mary's City seeks to hire a Shipmaster for the *Maryland Dove*. Historic St. Mary's City (HSMC) is Maryland's founding site, its first city and capital (1634-1695), and where Native Americans, Europeans and Africans came face to face in the 1600s. It is a museum of living history and archaeology, where decades of research are the foundation of exhibits assembled across the landscape. The reconstructed State House, the St. John's Site Museum, the reconstructed first Jesuit Chapel in the English Colonies on its original 1660 site, the newly constructed Dove, and recreated structures in the historic town center, all staffed by costumed or uniformed interpreters, help visitors understand the stories of Maryland's founding.

HSMC is a leading tourism attraction in Southern Maryland and has an active school tour program. The museum collections are a resource for professional archaeologists, scholars, and college students. The HSMC colonial archaeology field school, the longest running field school in the nation, attracts students from all over the United States as well as from other countries. HSMC also collaborates with St. Mary's College of Maryland. It is an independent instrumentality of the State of Maryland, within the Office of the Governor.

Essential Functions include but not limited to:

- As licensed Captain, command the *Maryland Dove* for occasional passenger sails, promotional/outreach tours to other ports in the Chesapeake region, and for other uses as requested by the Executive Director and in coordination with the Education Department.
- Plan and administer the maintenance of the *Maryland Dove* and associated small craft. Includes scheduling routine preventative maintenance, repairs, and larger capital maintenance projects. Vessels are maintained in fully operable condition, with annual US Coast Guard Certification of *Maryland Dove* for passenger operations.
- Hire, train, and supervise a Shipwright-bosun and or Engineer/bosun to assist with maintenance of the vessels and marine-related facilities.
- Coordinate the maintenance of the *Dove* Dock, dock house, and associated exhibit structures in cooperation with HSMC Facilities Dept and interpretive staff.

Additional Responsibilities include but not limited to:

- Provide training in seamanship skills and maritime history to staff, interns, volunteers and scheduled classes.
- Coordinate visits of other tall ships for layovers or public programs in conjunction with the Education and Communications Departments.
- Participate in other educational programming and special events on an occasional basis.
- As a member of the Facilities/Education Department team, participate in departmental planning, budgeting, and in various museum activities as requested by the Director of Education or Facilities.

Other required knowledge and skills not limited to:

- Ability to command and manage a 17th-century square-rigged ship both under way and as a dockside educational tool.

- Comprehensive knowledge and experience of wooden ship maintenance and repair, including the acquisition of all materials, administration of budgets, and scheduling and supervision of preventative maintenance, routine repairs, and major overhauls. Competency in marine woodworking, rigging, sail making, caulking, coatings, diesel maintenance and electrical maintenance is required. Incumbent should be expert in at least one of the first three.

Required Experience:

- Five or more years' experience as captain of auxiliary sail vessels, at least two years commanding or Mate of square-rigged vessels over 40 gross tons.

Desirable Education and experience:

- BA or BS in History, Geography, or Anthropology, with course work pertinent to maritime history and colonial settlement of English America, or two years' work experience in a museum as a docent or interpreter, or education program manager.
- Vocational training in marine safety, nautical Rules of the Road, coastal navigation, and celestial navigation is highly desirable.
- Two or more years' experience with museum operations, including interpretation of 17th-century English maritime culture and technology.
- Experience managing complex operations such as wooden ship repair or overhaul, and Rigging installation and removal including working with both cranes, and hand windlasses and derricks.
- SCUBA diving ability to do occasional routine or emergency repairs underwater.

This is a full-time fully benefited state position, salary range \$70K - \$80K per year. This position reports to the HSMCC Director of Facilities and Grounds

HSMC is an affirmative action/equal opportunity employer. The position closes on November 8, 2023.

To apply or request a complete job description:

Please send a letter of interest, resume, and three references to:

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